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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I commend the Department of Health & Human Services' landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

This policy places a much-needed importance on women's health that is too-often not a priority in health care policy. If I would have had this important access as a young woman 35 years ago, it would have made a significant difference in my life. It is critical women's health care needs be taken seriously. Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs.

Sincerely,

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